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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Sir:

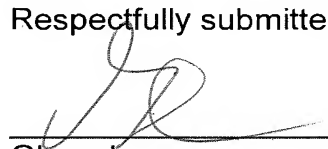
In response to the Office Action dated September 4, 2008, Applicant hereby elects species II. Claims 2, 4 and 16-19 are readable on the elected species.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims, or request rejoinder as appropriate.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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